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CATFISH PROCESSING UP 13 PERCENT

Farm-raised catfish processed during September totaled 18.9 million pounds (8570 metric tons) round weight, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board, up 13 percent from September 1985.

The September average price paid to growers was 63 cents per pound, 8 cents below the same month last year.

Net pounds of processed fish sold during September totaled 9.81 million pounds (4450 metric tons), up 18 percent from the comparable month in 1985. Sales of whole fish represented 46 percent of the total and fillets accounted for 35 percent. The remaining 19 percent were mostly steaks and nuggets. Ice pack sales were 48 percent of the total amount sold.

The September average prices received by processors for whole fish were $1.46 per pound for ice pack and $1.57 for frozen fish.

Freshwater catfish imports during August totaled 669 thousand pounds (300 metric tons), 93 percent of which were from Brazil. Imports were 58 percent above the amount imported a year earlier. Import data were compiled by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Processing data were compiled in cooperation with the following processors:

Corbin Fish Farm
Country Skillet (Con Agra)
Crawford Catfish Acres
Delta Catfish Processors
Farm Fresh Catfish Co.
Fish Breeders of Idaho
Georgia's King Catfish
Grain Fed Fish, Ltd.
Guidry Catfish Processors, Inc.
Gulf South Fish Sales
Humphreys Co. Catfish
King Kat, Inc.
Le Flore - Bolivar
Pride of the Pond
Prime Line Catfish Co.
Seminole Brand
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Southern Pride Catfish
Valley Grande Catfish

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FARM - RAISED CATFISH, 1985-86
QUANTITY PROCESSED AND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, REPORTED BY MAJOR PROCESSORS: AND U.S. IMPORTS

MONTH	ROUND WEIGHT PROCESSED				AVERAGE PRICE PAID TO PRODUCERS 1/		IMPORTS OF CATFISH 2/	
	MONTHLY		CUMULATIVE					
	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986
	THOUSAND POUNDS				DOLLARS PER POUND		THOUSAND POUNDS	
JAN	13,429	19,183	13,429	19,183	.67	.70	589	383
FEB	17,166	19,968	30,595	39,151	.69	.70	425	947
MAR	18,290	18,392	48,885	57,543	.73	.72	976	610
APR	16,474	16,248	65,359	73,791	.78	.74	602	954
MAY	17,432	16,163	82,791	89,954	.77	.72	214	646
JUN	15,897	16,000	98,688	105,954	.77	.68	928	787
JUL	14,311	16,344	112,999	122,298	.76	.66	871	543
AUG	17,130	19,220	130,129	141,518	.72	.63	423	669
SEP	16,638	18,884	146,767	160,402	.71	.63	832	
OCT	16,861		163,628		.70		96	
NOV	14,625		178,253		.70		603	
DEC	13,363		191,616		.70		501	

CATFISH PROCESSORS' SALES VOLUME, AVERAGE PRICE AND ENDING INVENTORY, CATFISH FOR SEPTEMBER 1986

ITEM	WHOLE FISH 3/	FILLETS 4/	OTHER 5/	TOTAL
FRESH				
QUANTITY (000) LB	3,176	1,200	343	4,719
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.46	2.56	1.51	1.70
INVENTORY(000) LB	234	152	57	443
FROZEN				
QUANTITY(000) LB	1,300	2,248	1,542	5,090
PRICE ($ / LB)	1.57	2.50	1.72	2.02
INVENTORY(000) LB	913	1,570	857	3,340

1/ PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR FISH DELIVERED TO PROCESSING PLANT.
2/ DATA FURNISHED BY U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS.
3/ DRESSED WEIGHT, (HEAD, VISERA AND SKIN REMOVED).
4/ INCLUDES REGULAR, SHANK AND STRIP FILLETS; EXCLUDES ANY BREADED PRODUCT.
5/ INCLUDES ALL PRODUCTS NOT ALREADY REPORTED, INCLUDING WEIGHT OF BREADING AND ADDED INGREDIENTS.

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